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### **District Man Sentenced to Nine Years in Prison for Non-fatal Shooting Man in May 2009**

**Washington, D.C.** - Hugh Rorie, a 26-year-old District of Columbia man, was sentenced to nine years of incarceration by the Honorable Ronna Lee Beck of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia today in connection with a shooting on May 9, 2009, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced. Rorie pled guilty to one count of Assault with Intent to Kill on July 17, 2009.

During the plea hearing, Rorie admitted that on May 9, 2009, at approximately 1:10 a.m., in front of 2891 Hartford Street, SE, he shot the victim, who was his cousin's boyfriend. A short time earlier, the victim and his girlfriend (the defendant's cousin) had decided to visit the defendant's mother. When they arrived at her house, the defendant was sitting on the front porch. The victim and his girlfriend both greeted the defendant as "cuz." Rorie reacted angrily to the victim, flashing a gun and saying that the victim did not know him and should not talk to him. The victim and his girlfriend went inside the house. Later, when the victim started walking down the steps away from the house, Rorie, who was standing just a few feet away, fired five to six shots at the victim. The victim suffered two penetrating gunshot wounds to the back and one graze wound to the back of his neck.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips expressed his appreciation to Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detective David Gaither and Officer Jason Romlein. He also commended the work of Legal Assistant Nicole Lee, Paralegal Specialist Jason Manuel, Victim Advocate Meshall Thomas, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Cassidy Kesler Pinegar, who indicted and prosecuted the case.

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